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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5, 7-8, 10-11, 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee '529 in view of Knox '750. Lee discloses a computer system containing most of the elements of the claims including, a computer main unit and casing (figure 1, computer unit 12) as required by claim 1, a projector (display 14 and page 2, paragraph 0022), a handwriting input device disposed outside the casing (input device 16 in figure 1 and page 2, paragraph 0023) as required by claim 1. A computer main unit being associated with a digital camera, as required by claim 2, is shown as element 24 and described in paragraph 0026. A wireless net communication device connected to the computer main unit, as required by claims 4 and 11, is described at page 2, paragraphs 0021 and 0024, where Lee clearly states that he envisions the use of wireless connections for the components that make up his system. The computer main unit and the handwriting input device being provided with a transmission interface, as required by claim 5, is described at page 2, paragraph 0024, where Lee clearly envisions the use of USB ports and wired connections between his components. A wireless connection interface between the digital camera and the computer main unit,

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as required by claim 7, is described at page 2 in paragraph 0024, where Lee clearly states that he envisions the use of wireless connections for the components that make up his system. A keyboard and mouse being connected to the computer main unit, as required by claim 10, is shown in figure 1.

Lee fails to explicitly teach that his projector is mounted in the casing as required by claim 1. However, Knox discloses a display system for computers which teaches that it is known to mount a projector (156) in a casing of a computer main unit (figure 8B and col. 6, lines 8-11). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to manufacture the computer system of Lee with a projector mounted in the casing of the main computer unit for the purpose of providing a computer where images may be displayed on a wall or on another surface not attached to the computer and which does not require any cables that run between the base and the screen, especially since Lee teaches that his components that make up system 10 may be integrated into a single housing like a laptop computer (page 2, paragraph 0024).

Regarding claims 3 and 13 and the limitations of a cable TV socket, it would have been obvious to include a cable TV socket attached to the casing of the computer unit since Lee clearly teaches that his invention envisions receiving signals from cable television as described in pages 2-3, paragraph 0027. Furthermore it should be noted that Lee clearly states that his housing can contain communication circuitry such as an Ethernet card, modem, or the like (page 2, paragraph 0021), in which case the use of "cable modem" would have been obvious with the device of Lee, wherein the examiner

takes official notice that "cable modems" are well known to utilize a cable TV socket connection.

Regarding claim 8, it would have been obvious to provide the digital camera with a light for the purpose of providing an appropriate amount of light when taking a picture, since the examiner takes official notice that digital cameras provided with lights (flashes) are known in the art.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee '529 and Knox '750, as stated above, and further in view of Chang '837. Lee, as modified by Knox, fails to teach a handle attached to a top of a computer casing as required by claim 6, however Chang clearly teaches that it is known to provide a computer with a handle attached to the top of its casing (figure 2, handle 78). Therefore it would have been obvious to include a handle at the top portion of the casing of Lee for the purpose of allowing convenient carrying of the computer assembly by the user.

Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee '529 and Knox '750, as stated above, and further in view of Furnas et al '862. Lee, as modified by Knox, fails to teach that his digital camera is provided with a light as required by claim 8 and that his digital camera has a microscopic lens as required by claim 9. However, Furnas discloses a system which teaches that it is known to provide a computer (40) with digital camera (14) provided with a high intensity lighting system (24) and having a microscope lens (16). Therefore it would have been obvious to

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incorporate the above features in the device of Lee, as modified by Knox, for the purpose of enabling a person of ordinary skill in focusing a microscope to obtain photomicrographs of samples at a sufficiently high level of resolution so that microscopic contaminants may be correctly identified by a certified microbiologist.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee '529 and Knox '750, as stated above, and further in view of Sen et al '544. Lee, as modified by Knox, fails to explicitly teach that his wireless net communication device can be connected to a wireless communication system, as required by claim 12, however, Sen discloses that it is known to provide computers with a wireless modem that is capable of such a connection (col. 2, lines 56-60). Therefore it would have been obvious to provide the device of Lee, as modified by Knox, with a wireless net communication device that can be connected to a wireless communication system for the purpose of increasing data transmission speeds.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dmitry Suhol whose telephone number is 703-305-0085. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Friday 9am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on 703-308-1745. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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